



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2568-003]

VC Porterdale Hydroelectric, LLC: Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Proceeding: Surrender of Exemption
- b. Project No.: 2568-003
- c. Date Filed: August 28, 2015
- d. Exemptee: VC Porterdale Hydroelectric, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Porterdale Dam
- f. Location: The project is located on the Yellow River, Newton County, Georgia
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 4.102
- h. Licensee Contact: Rich Cavagnaro, VC Porterdale Hydroelectric, LLC, 5152 Belle Wood Court, Buford, GA 30518, (678) 730-6509, rich@adedgetechnologies.com and Matt Quillen, Porterdale Loft Company, LLC, 1001 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 201 Atlanta, GA 30309, (404) 874-6688, mcqgdavis@yahoo.com.

i. FERC Contact: Mr. M. Joseph Fayyad, (202) 502-8759, mo.fayyad@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, interventions and protests is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests and comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2568-003

k. Description of Project Facilities: The existing Porterdale Dam project consists of: (1) A granite masonry dam, about 12-feet high and 300 feet in length; (2) a headwater storage lake with a surface area of about 5 acres; (3) intake works, approximately 330-foot-long canal that runs through the lower level of the Porterdale Mill building, and a 150-foot-long penstock; (4) a brick wall powerhouse containing two generating units with a total capacity of 1,500 kW; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

l. Description of Proceeding: The Porterdale Mill building was converted into loft apartments in 2006. A failure in the granite wall separating the canal from the apartment

units on the lower level of the Porterdale Mill building could result in flooding causing significant property damage and potential danger to human life. Due to this potential flooding the exemptee proposes to decommission the project by shutting off and securing the project's gated intake at the beginning of the canal with a concrete cap, whereby water will no longer flow through the canal to the powerhouse. In addition, the generating equipment located in the powerhouse will be disconnected and all other project works secured, but otherwise left in place. The exemptee does not propose to remove or alter the dam in any way as part of the surrender process. Water will continue to flow over the dam as usual.

m. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction in the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .212 and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

p. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, or “MOTION TO INTERVENE” as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the license surrender. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a

particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

q. Agency Comments – Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described proceeding. If any agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

Dated: September 10, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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